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To: Iowa Vaccines for Children Program Providers

From: Iowa VFC Program

Re: Pentacel (DTaP-IPV/ActHIB) Supply Update

The Iowa Immunization Program has been notified the limited supply and allocation of Sanofi Pasteur's Pentacel (DTaP-IPV/Hib) vaccine, implemented in December 2015, will be extended into the second half of 2016. Based on this information, VFC providers should continue to reduce vaccine orders for Pentacel to accommodate the decreased allocation quantity.

All Pentacel orders should be consistent with 70% of the recommended order quantity as indicated in IRIS. Orders for single antigen vaccines may be placed as alternatives to Pentacel. Vaccine orders for Pentacel may be reduced to allow all providers to receive a portion of the Program's vaccine allocation. As necessary, the VFC Program will contact providers regarding vaccine orders to discuss the availability of Pentacel and use of single antigen vaccines.

During this time, single antigen vaccines are available and must be used to avoid missed opportunities to vaccinate. Providers should not borrow vaccine from their private stock to vaccinate VFC-eligible children.

A final resolution date for the vaccine delay is not yet available, but IDPH will share information as it becomes available. The Immunization Program appreciates your understanding and assistance with this matter.

If you have questions regarding vaccine orders, please contact the VFC Program at 1-800-831-6293 ext. 5.